

# What Exactly Is The “Social Gospel”?

## **Introduction:**

- A. We have emphasized throughout this short series that the kingdom of Jesus is spiritual in nature (*John 18:36*). That fact is reflected in our mission.
- B. Many, however, have sought to burden the inspired plan and target (*Romans 1:16*) with an approach centered on the social side of man.
  - 1. Serving social needs, financing social causes, and using social programs as bait is a ruling power in modern American religion.
  - 2. Examples abound – physical fitness opportunities, various kinds of therapy, community involvement, political activism, teen gimmicks, dramatic presentations, handy conveniences, “contemporary” worship services, etc.
- C. What’s the big deal with burdening our work and worship with the “social gospel”?

**I. The modern worshiper’s man-centered, self-serving perspective is reinforced**

**II. Deep Biblical truths essential for spiritual development are not conveyed**

**III. The sense of awe and reverence that should be present is diminished**

**IV. The modern generation is bribed to worship**

**V. A lack of confidence in the power of the gospel is reflected**